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Old Country House (Now Masonic Temple)
St. Stephens, Alabama.

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OLD COURT HOUSE
or
Masonic Temple
St. Stephens, Washington County, Alabama.

Owner: Masonic Lodge.A.F. and A.M., second and present owner

Date of Erection: About 1840.

Architect: No record.

Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following page/.

Was originally built by Washington County as a Court House. It was used as such until the County seat was removed to Chatom in recent years. Since then the Masonic Lodge has owned and occupied this Building.

Source of Material: Peter A. Brannon, Curator of the Dept. of Archives and History of the State of Alabama, Montgomery.

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ARCHITECTURAL MERIT AND DATA:

This building has no particular contribution toward architecture, even though it suggests a rather extreme use of the light Greek order. It is ~~mainly~~ historically interesting. The double exterior stair leading up to the present Masonic Lodge room, no doubt is a later addition, as the original function of the building as a Court House does not seem to suggest the use of stairs for purposes of a court house.

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